

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

1. (Currently Amended) An articulated strap ~~with~~ comprising adjacent links in the transverse direction, each of them forming part of one of a plurality of longitudinal rows, the links of one row being offset with respect to each other, ~~which are arranged so as to penetrate one into the other in the longitudinal direction and are connected by means of transverse hinge pins for connecting adjacent links of said rows,~~ the articulated strap comprising: a succession of modular assemblies, each comprising two articulated parts assembled to one another about a transverse hinge-center pin situated in a middle part of modular assembly and equipped with transverse guide orifices ~~means~~ for receiving, on either side of this ~~center~~ transverse hinge pin situated in the middle part of modular assembly, ~~another two transverse hinge pin, connecting articulation rods one of which is engaged~~ are integral, on the one hand, with one of said articulated parts ~~and issue laterally into a set back portion of said modular assembly and is received into two of said transverse guide orifices respectively provided through~~ are integral, on the other hand, with said two articulated parts of a first adjacent modular assembly of said succession of modular assemblies, and the second of said other transverse hinge pins is engaged with said two articulated parts of said modular assembly and is received into one of said transverse guide orifices provided through one of said articulated parts of the second adjacent modular assembly of said succession of

~~modular assemblies and issue laterally from two projecting portions of said modular assembly, in such a way that, when said two articulated parts of one of said modular assemblies are aligned in order to receive one of said transverse hinge pins on one side of said transverse hinge pin situated in the middle part of modular assembly, the other of these pin of said modular assembly situated on said other side is locked angularly about said transverse hinge center pin situated in a middle part of modular assembly and is locked transversely located between two links integral with one of two articulated parts lateral faces of said set back portion of said modular assembly.~~

2. (Currently Amended) The strap as claimed in claim 1, comprising at least five longitudinal rows of adjacent links in which ~~each of~~ occupy alternately two longitudinal positions and ~~are connected by means of said transverse center pin so as to form said modular assemblies,~~ comprising on each side of said transverse hinge pin situated in the middle part of modular assembly three, respectively ~~and~~ two links aligned transversely in said respective longitudinal positions, said two transversely aligned links having passing through said transverse guide orifices ~~them one of said transverse hinge pins~~ for articulation on said adjacent modular assembly, one of said two articulated parts of said modular assemblies comprising the links of the lateral rows, and one of said two transversely aligned links being integral in terms of rotation with said transverse hinge center pin situated in the middle part of modular assembly, the other of said articulated parts comprising the link of the central row and the other of said two

transversely aligned links, so that ~~when putting in place~~ said transverse hinge pin is put ~~articulation~~
through said transverse guide orifices of said two transversely aligned
links ~~rod makes~~ the five adjacent links of each modular assembly are integral in terms of rotation with
said transverse hinge-center pin situated in the middle part of modular assembly.

3. (Cancelled)

4. (Currently Amended) The strap as claimed in claim 23, wherein each of said
transverse hinge pins situated on each side of said transverse hinge pin ~~articulation rods~~ situated in
the middle part of modular assembly is mounted freely slidably through said transverse guide orifices
of three links of the respective three inner longitudinal rows of two of said adjacent modular assem-
blies, said transverse hinge pins ~~articulation rods~~ being retained at their two ends by the inner lateral
faces of the links of the two lateral rows of one of said adjacent modular assemblies, once the five
adjacent links of this modular assembly are made integral with one another about said transverse
hinge-center pin situated in the middle part of modular assembly by means of said transverse hinge
pin engaged through said transverse guide orifices of three links of said respective three inner
longitudinal rows ~~articulation rod~~.

5. (Currently Amended) The strap as claimed in claim [1] 2, wherein the first of said
adjacent modular assemblies is connected to a watch case at a connecting member comprising two
projections, the respective widths of which correspond to those of said two transversely aligned links
of said modular assemblies and through which ~~pass~~ coaxial transverse guide orifices are provided, in

order to receive between said projections a central link of a modular assembly, ~~retained by one of~~
said transverse hinge pins-articulation rods passing through the transverse guide orifices of said
projections and the transverse guide orifice of said central link.

6. (Currently Amended) The strap as claimed in claim 1, wherein ~~the last of~~ said
transverse hinge pin situated at an end of the strap-articulation rods is formed by a spring bar, the two
ends of which are mounted removably in two receptacles of two fastening members integral with a
clasp element.

7. (Currently Amended) The strap as claimed in claim 2, wherein ~~the last one end of~~
said transverse hinge pin situated at an end of the strap-articulation rods is formed by a rod threaded
~~at one end intended~~ to be screwed into a corresponding thread formed in a fastening member, the
other end of this rod being arranged in a transverse orifice of a second fastening member, these two
fastening members being integral with a clasp element.

8. (Currently Amended) The strap as claimed in claim 1, wherein two of said modular
assemblies are arranged mirror-symmetrically with respect to one another about a transverse axis of
the strap, with their two transversely aligned links turned toward the ends of the strap, two
independent links both being connected to each of the central links of said two modular assemblies
arranged mirror-symmetrically, by means of two of said transverse hinge pins-articulation rods.

9. (Currently Amended) The strap as claimed in claim 2, wherein one of said modular ~~assemblies-elements~~, which is located at one of the ends of a strap portion, said end being intended to be connected to horns of a watch case, terminates in said two transversely aligned links, and wherein an element for connection to said case comprises two parts articulated on one another about a transverse articulation rod, these two parts each comprising transverse passages for the passage of a bar for fastening to said horns when said passages are aligned with a common axis, said fastening bar serving, furthermore, for locking said two parts about said transverse articulation rod.

10. (Currently Amended) The strap as claimed in claim 1, wherein each of the two parts of said modular assemblies comprise two links, an outer link and an inner link, and the two inner links of the two parts of a modular assembly penetrate between the two outer links of the two parts of the adjacent modular assembly and are connected independently on one another to said transverse ~~hinge-center~~ pin situated in the middle part of modular as-
sembly, said transverse hinge pins on each side of said transverse hinge pin
situated in the middle part of modular assembly~~-articulation rods~~ each being integral with one of the respective outer links of said modular assemblies.

11. (Currently Amended) The strap as claimed in claim 2 wherein the first of said adjacent modular assemblies is connected to a watch case at a connecting member comprising two projections, the respective widths of which correspond to those of said two transversely aligned links of said modular assemblies and through which ~~pass~~ coaxial transverse guide orifices are provided, in order to receive between said projections a central link of a modular assembly, ~~retained by one of said transverse articulation rods~~ hinge pins passing through the transverse guide orifices of said projections and the transverse orifice of said central link.

12. (Cancelled)

13. (Currently Amended) The strap as claimed in claim 4 wherein the first of said adjacent modular assemblies is connected to a watch case at a connecting member comprising two projections, the respective widths of which correspond to those of said two transversely aligned links of said modular assemblies and through which ~~pass~~ coaxial transverse guide orifices are provided, in order to receive between said projections a central link of a modular assembly, ~~retained by one of said transverse articulation rods~~ hinge pins passing through the transverse guide orifices of said projections and the transverse orifice of said central link.

14. (Currently Amended) The strap as claimed in claim 2, wherein ~~the last of said~~ transverse hinge pin situated at an end of the strap ~~articulation rods~~ is formed by a spring bar, the two ends of which are mounted removably in two receptacles of two fastening members integral with a clasp element.

15. (Currently Amended) The strap as claimed in claim 3, wherein ~~the last of said~~
transverse hinge pin situated at an end of the strap articulation rods is formed by a spring bar, the
two ends of which are mounted removably in two receptacles of two fastening members integral
with a clasp element.

16. (Currently Amended) The strap as claimed in claim 4, wherein ~~the last of said~~
transverse hinge pin situated at an end of the strap articulation rods is formed by a spring bar, the
two ends of which are mounted removably in two receptacles of two fastening members integral
with a clasp element.

17. (Currently Amended) The strap as claimed in claim 5, wherein ~~the last of said~~
transverse hinge pin situated at an end of the strap articulation rods is formed by a spring bar, the
two ends of which are mounted removably in two receptacles of two fastening members integral
with a clasp element.

18. (Cancelled)

19. (Currently Amended) The strap as claimed in claim 4, wherein ~~the last one end~~ of said transverse articulation rods is formed by a rod threaded at one end intended hinge pin situated at an end of the strap is to be screwed into a corresponding thread formed in a fastening member, the other end of this rod being arranged in a transverse orifice of a second fastening member, these two fastening members being integral with a clasp element.

20. (Currently Amended) The strap as claimed in claim 5, wherein ~~the last one end~~ of said transverse articulation rods is formed by a rod threaded at one end intended hinge pin situated at an end of the strap is to be screwed into a corresponding thread formed in a fastening member, the other end of this rod being arranged in a transverse orifice of a second fastening member, these two fastening members being integral with a clasp element.

21. (Currently Amended) The strap as claimed in claim 2, wherein two of said modular assemblies are arranged mirror-symmetrically with respect to one another about a transverse axis of the strap, with their two transversely aligned links turned toward the ends of the strap, two independent links both being connected to each of the central links of said two modular assemblies arranged mirror-symmetrically, by means of two of said transverse articulation rods hinge pins.

22. (Cancelled)

23. (Currently Amended) The strap as claimed in claim 4, wherein two of said modular assemblies are arranged mirror-symmetrically with respect to one another about a transverse axis of the strap, with their two transversely aligned links turned toward the ends of the strap, two independent links both being connected to each of the central links of said two modular assemblies arranged mirror-symmetrically, by means of two of said transverse ~~articulation rods~~ hinge pins.

24. (Currently Amended) The strap as claimed in claim 5, wherein two of said modular assemblies are arranged mirror-symmetrically with respect to one another about a transverse axis of the strap, with their two transversely aligned links turned toward the ends of the strap, two independent links both being connected to each of the central links of said two modular assemblies arranged mirror-symmetrically, by means of two of said transverse ~~articulation rods~~ hinge pins.

25. (Currently Amended) The strap as claimed in claim 6, wherein two of said modular assemblies are arranged mirror-symmetrically with respect to one another about a transverse axis of the strap, with their two transversely aligned links turned toward the ends of the strap, two independent links both being connected to each of the central links of said two modular assemblies arranged mirror-symmetrically, by means of two of said transverse ~~articulation rods~~ hinge pins.

26. (Currently Amended) The strap as claimed in claim 7, wherein two of said modular assemblies are arranged mirror-symmetrically with respect to one another about a transverse axis of the strap, with their two transversely aligned links turned toward the ends of the strap, two independent links both being connected to each of the central links of said two modular assemblies arranged mirror-symmetrically, by means of two of said transverse ~~articulation rods~~ hinge pins.

27. (Cancelled)

28. (Currently Amended) The strap as claimed in claim 4, wherein one of said modular ~~elements~~ assemblies, which is located at one of the ends of a strap portion, said end being intended to be connected to horns of a watch case, terminates in said two transversely aligned links, and wherein an element for connection to said case comprises two parts articulated on one another about a transverse articulation rod, these two parts each comprising transverse passages for the passage of a bar for fastening to said horns when said passages are aligned with a common axis, said fastening bar serving, furthermore, for locking said two parts about said transverse articulation rod.